

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SEISMIC HAZARDS: PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR THE NEXT DISASTER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Pacific Northwest Seismic Hazards: Planning and Preparing for the Next Disaster”. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING COMPETITION IN MEDICARE: REMOVING MORATORIA AND EXPANDING ACCESS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Improving Competition in Medicare: Removing Moratoria and Expanding Access”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D488)

S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer’s official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received. Signed on May 19, 2015. (Public Law 114–12)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to receive a closed briefing on Syria, 11 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1331, to help enhance commerce through improved seasonal forecasts, S. 1297, to update the Commercial Space Launch Act by amending title 51, United States Code, to promote competitiveness of the U.S. commercial space sector, S. 1326, to amend certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, S. 1040, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Academy of Sciences to study the vehicle handling requirements proposed by the

Commission for recreational off-highway vehicles and to prohibit the adoption of any such requirements until the completion of the study, S. 1359, to allow manufacturers to meet warranty and labeling requirements for consumer products by displaying the terms of warranties on Internet websites, S. 806, to amend section 31306 of title 49, United States Code, to recognize hair as an alternative specimen for preemployment and random controlled substances testing of commercial motor vehicle drivers and for other purposes, S. 1315, to protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions, S. 1334, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention, S. 1335, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012, S. 1251, to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted by Lisbon, Portugal on September 28, 2007, S. 1336, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009, H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation, H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, and the nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2018, Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2019, and a routine list in the Coast Guard, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine improvements and innovations in fishery management and data collection, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold an oversight hearing to examine scientific advisory panels and processes at the Environmental Protection Agency, including S. 543, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Cuban relations, focusing on the way forward, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Azita Raji, of California, to be Ambassador to the

Kingdom of Sweden, and Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring institutional risk-sharing, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management, to hold hearings to examine 21st century ideas for the 20th century Federal civil service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine addressing the needs of Native communities through Indian Water Rights Settlements, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine taking sexual assault seriously, focusing on the rape kit backlog and human rights, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine solutions to the hospital observation stay crisis, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2393, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2394, the "National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Nutrition, hearing entitled "Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The World of Nutrition, Government Duplication and Unmet Needs", 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, markup on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This markup will be closed.

Full Committee, markup on Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for FY 2016, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Reforming the Workers' Compensation Program for Federal Employees", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6, the "21st Century Cures Act" (continued), 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn. Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on a discussion draft of the "FCC Process Reform Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the

Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on improving the participation of small businesses in the proceedings of the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a quarterly report on pending requests for action by the Federal Communications Commission and pending congressional investigations of the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for publication on the Internet website of the Federal Communications Commission of certain policies and procedures established by the chairman of the Commission, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 432, the "SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2015"; H.R. 686, the "Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2015"; H.R. 1334, the "Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act of 2015"; H.R. 1525, the "Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2015"; H.R. 1675, the "Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2015"; H.R. 1723, the "Small Company Simple Registration Act of 2015"; H.R. 1847, the "Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2015"; H.R. 1965, the "Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act"; H.R. 1975, the "Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act"; H.R. 2064, the "Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act"; H.R. 2354, the "Streamlining Excessive and Costly Regulations Review Act"; H.R. 2356, the "Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2015"; H.R. 2357, the "Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2015"; and a resolution to name a new Republican Member of the Committee to subcommittees, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Egypt Two Years After Morsi: Part I", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn. Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup on H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 235, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015; hearing entitled "Everest Trembled: Lessons Learned from the Nepal Earthquake Response", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Developments in Rwanda", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1300, the "First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act"; H.R. 1615, the "DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015"; H.R. 1626, the "DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015"; H.R. 1633, the "DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015"; H.R. 1637, the "Federally Funded Research and Development

Sunshine Act of 2015”; H.R. 1640, the “Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1646, the “Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”; H.R. 1738, the “Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2200, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2206, the “SWIC Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 2390, the “Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act”, 11 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing on the United States Capitol Police, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, joint hearing on a discussion draft of a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on a discussion draft titled the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”, 1:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “State Perspectives on the Status of Cooperating

Agencies for the Office of Surface Mining’s Stream Protection Rule”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Across Town, Across Oceans: Expanding the Role of Small Business in Global Commerce”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2322, the “Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2015”; H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the “J. Waties Waring Judicial Center”; and two General Services Administration Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways And Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Examining the Use of Administrative Actions in the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 10 a.m., SH-216.